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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Yoshihito FUJIMAKI et al.**

Group Art Unit: 3681

Serial No.: 10/730,249

Examiner: **Saul Rodriguez**

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For: **FRICTION MATERIAL AND ITS MANUFACTURING METHOD**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: May 17, 2005

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated March 17, 2005.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group I Claims (1-9) and Group II, Claims (10-19).

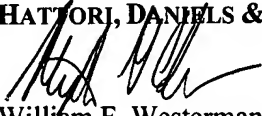
In addition, an election of species is required.

Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of **Group II, Claims (10-19)** and elect the species of **claim 10**, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, and it is understood that Applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter, claims 1-9, under 35 U.S.C. §120 and 35 U.S.C. §121 are retained.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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